

REMARKS

Claims 2-4 and 8-16, and amended claims 1 and 5-7 are in this application.

Claims 1-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Wehmeyer (U.S. Patent No. 6,169,543).

Amended independent claim 1 recites in part the following:

" . . . said schedule table forming means being operable to control the display of the schedule table so as to enable one month of calendar information to be displayed on a single display screen;

. . .

said user schedule information representative of a number of events pertaining to a user which are not related to broadcast programs, in which each of the number of events is displayable as a pictograph,

said schedule table forming means including means for enabling each said pictograph of each event occurable within a respective month to be displayed on the single display screen of the respective month of calendar information." (Emphasis added.)

Accordingly, in the apparatus of claim 1, one month of calendar information may be displayed on a single display screen which may include a number of pictographs representative of a number of events pertaining to a user which are not related to broadcast programs. An example thereof is illustrated in Figure 2 of the present application.

In explaining the above 102 rejection with regard to claim 1, the Examiner asserted that lines 37-41 of column 11,

lines 49-51 of column 12, lines 4-16 of column 16 and Figure 6 of Wehmeyer disclose the schedule table forming means of claim 1. It is respectfully submitted that such portions of Wehmeyer (hereinafter, merely "Wehmeyer") do not disclose the above features of the schedule table forming means of claim 1. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 as presented herein is distinguishable from Wehmeyer.

For reasons similar to those previously described with regard to claim 1, it is also respectfully submitted that amended independent claims 5, 6, and 7 are distinguishable from Wehmeyer as applied by the Examiner.

Claims 2-4 and 8-12 are dependent from one of independent claims 1 and 7. Accordingly, it is also respectfully submitted that dependent claims 2-4 and 8-12 are distinguishable from Wehmeyer as applied by the Examiner for at least the reasons previously described.

Claims 13-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wehmeyer in view of Shteyn (U.S. Application No. 09/802,618).

Claims 13-16 are dependent from one of independent claims 1, 5, 6, and 7. Accordingly, it is also respectfully submitted that dependent claims 13-16 are distinguishable from Wehmeyer for at least the reasons previously described. Further, the Examiner appears to have relied on Shteyn only to disclose the features of claims 13-16 and not to overcome the above-described deficiencies of Wehmeyer. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that dependent claims 13-16 are distinguishable from the applied combination of Wehmeyer and Shteyn.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending

claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejections of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

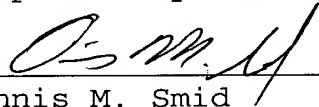
If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone applicants' attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which the Examiner might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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